

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING STERILIZATION ZONES IN AN
ASEPTIC PACKAGING STERILIZATION TUNNEL**

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus is disclosed providing a plurality of sterile zones within a sterilization tunnel in an aseptic packaging apparatus. The sterile zones provide a plurality of sterilant concentration levels within the sterilization tunnel. Additionally, the sterile zones provide a plurality of gas flow rates within the sterilization tunnel.